GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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LEAKAGE OF CHLORINE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed the incident of leakage of Chlorine gas in Kota, Rajasthan

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of lives and property lost as a result thereof;

(d) whether compensation has been provided to the families of the people killed and injured in the incident;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) As per information of the Factories & Boilers Inspectorate, Government of Rajasthan, chlorine leaked from a hole in the shell of a tonner on 21st October, 2006 in the Premises of M/s Vishal Chem Trade Pvt. Ltd., F-31 Chambal Industrial Area, Kota, Rajasthan. The premises is used to store chemicals and chlorine gas for further trading. It is not used for manufacture of any product and does not fall under the Factories Act, 1948. A committee under the chairmanship of the District Collector was constituted and the committee submitted its report on the accident to the District Collector.

(c) The employees of M/s Vishal Chem Trade Pvt. Ltd. were not injured. However, 70 to 80 persons living around and passing by the premises were affected. While one person succumbed to his injuries, few were admitted in the government hospital for treatment, while others were discharged after first aid.

(d) to (f) As per the report of the Joint Labour Commissioner since none of the affected persons were employees of the unit they were not paid any compensation under the Workman Compensation Act. However, the family of the deceased was paid Rs. 1,00,000/-by the occupier of the premises. As per records of the collector 55 people affected were paid Rs.2,000/- each and the wife of the deceased Rs.10,000/-from the Chief Minister Relief Fund.